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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Ohio EPA to Hold Information Session Concerning Countywide Landfill Odor Nuisance

The odor nuisance at Countywide Landfill and ongoing efforts to end it will be the focus of a November 16, 2006, Ohio EPA public information session.

In September, Ohio EPA declared Countywide Landfill (3619 Gracemont Street S.W., East Sparta) a public nuisance and ordered its owner and operator, Republic Services of Ohio, to implement comprehensive remedies by December 15, 2006. Ohio EPA's information session will update citizens on the work completed and what needs to be done before the December deadline.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Faircrest Memorial Middle School cafeteria, 616 Faircrest Street S.W. in Canton Township.

Since the beginning of 2006, the Canton City Health Department has received more than 1,000 odor complaints related to the landfill. Ohio EPA's orders require Countywide to control odor leaving its facility by expanding the gas extraction system, performing additional monitoring and ensuring the landfill is structurally sound. In addition, Republic is installing more than 25 acres of heavy plastic sheeting over the affected area to capture and burn landfill gas before it escapes to the air.

Ohio EPA is consulting with U.S. EPA on the decomposition of aluminum dross waste (believed to be triggering the odor) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry for input on potential health effects from odor exposure. (ATSDR is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.) Preliminary air sampling indicated the odor does not pose a public health threat. Additional sampling is underway.

Ohio EPA also is providing regular updates to the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District and recently attended a community meeting hosted by Club 3000 — the citizen's group monitoring activities at the landfill.

A copy of the orders is available at:  
[www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/enforcement/year\\_2006/countywide09062006.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/enforcement/year_2006/countywide09062006.pdf)